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SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR UDALL TO OPEN WORLD FISH NUTRITION CONFERENCE

The conference is sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The sessions will continue through September 27. More than 300 delegates from about 50 nations are expected.

The purpose of the meeting is to evaluate the place and the potential of fishery products in the health and diet of the peoples of the world, half of whom are either undernourished or poorly nourished.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Frank P. Briggs will be chairman of the United States delegation to the conference. Donald L. McKernan, Director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries will be the permanent chairman of the conference.

Discussions will be simultaneously translated into English, French and Spanish. The proceedings of the conference will be printed in those three languages. Abstracts of more than a hundred scientific papers will be given on the floor and the complete papers will be available in the proceedings. Ample periods of discussion will be allowed. Particularly stressed during the meeting will be the importance of fish as a source of animal protein foods in forms which can be made available to remote sections of the world.

The American fishing industry is cooperating in the program and is furnishing much of the entertainment.

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